GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LICENCE TO OPERATE MOBILE PHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies including BSNL and MTNL to whom licences have been given till date for the operation ofmobile phones alongwith the details about the terms and conditions;

(b) the company-wise details of the expansion of services during the last three years; and

(c) the action plant of the Government for the protection of interests of the customers and the regulation of tariff rates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLGOY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Sir, the list of companies who presently have licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) alongwith respective service area is given in Annexure − I. The salient terms and conditions of the Licence for CMTS is given in Annexure − II.

(b) The company-wise and Service Area-wise details of the expansion of the CMTS in terms of CMTS subscribers duringthe last three years is also given in Annexure − I.

(c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), as perthe TRAI Act, is mandated for fixation of tariffs for Telecom Services. It is also the function of TRAI tolay-down the standards of Quality of Service to be provided by the Service Providers and ensure the Quality of Service and conduct the periodical survey of such service provided by the Service Providers so as to protect interest of the consumers for telecom service.

ANNEXURE − I

Name of Operators, Service Area and their Subscriber Figures for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service.

Sl. No.	Service Area (Metro City/ Telecom Circle)	Name of Operator	Number of Subscribers as on 1.1.2000	Number of Subscribers as on 1.1.2003
1	DELHI	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	153,498	834,269
		Sterling Cellular Ltd.	126,054	580,328
		Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	-	129,809
		IDEA Cellular Ltd.	-	128,306
2	MUMBAI	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd.	155,373	573,877
		Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.	143,371	615,836
		Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	-	110,279
		Bharti Cellular Ltd.	-	212,304
3	KOLKATA	Bharti Mobile Ltd.	33,126	188,237
		Usha Martin Telekom Ltd.	34,904	247,327
		Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	-	14,997
		Reliable Internet Services Ltd.	-	-
4	CHENNAI	RPG Cellular Services Ltd.	24,041	166,305
		Bharti Mobinet Ltd.	22,963	200,728
		Hutchison essar South Limited	-	51,832
		Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	-	-
5	Andhra Pradesh	IDEA Cellular Ltd.	54,738	308,210
		Bharti Mobile Ltd.	43,622	305,879
		Hutchison essar South Limited	-	53,489

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	72,675		
6	Assam	Reliance Telecom(P) LTd.		5,590	40,728
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	-		
7	Bihar	Reliance Telecom(P) LTd.		17,419	164,075
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	24,987		
8	Gujarat	Fascel Ltd.		79,752	420,255
IDEA Cellular Ltd.		27,776	240,211		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	62,926		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	75,350		
9	Haryana	Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd.		20,172	96,498
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.		-	16,580		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	45,664		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	36,632		
10	Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Telenet Ltd.		4,288	25,730
Reliance Telecom(P) LTd.		473	8,096		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	11,046		
Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.		-	-		
11	Karnataka	Spice Communications Ltd.		68,900	199,391
Bharti Mobile Ltd.		41,229	329,219		
Hutchison essar South Limited		-	55,195		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	65,779		
12	Kerala	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.		39,552	147,969
Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd.		41,229	244,032		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	66,379		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	73,084		
13	Maharashtra	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.		57,260	198,045
IDEA Cellular Ltd.		45,107	396,503		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	105,209		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	127,980		
14	Madhya Pradesh (West)	BTA Cellcom Ltd.		12,031	131,113
Reliance Telecom(P) Ltd.		18,136	146,772		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	28,282		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	28,018		
15	North East	Reliance Telecom(P) Ltd.		803	7,433
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	-		
Hexacom India Limited		-	-		
16	Orissa	Reliance Telecom(P) Ltd.		8,403	62,992
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	15,353		
17	Punjab	Spice Communications Ltd.		79,672	436,255
Bharti Mobile Ltd.		-	131,724		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	58,780		
Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.		-	-		
18	Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.		-	29,766
Hexacom India Limited		15,462	111,556		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	38,322		
Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.		-	-		
19	Tamil Nadu	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.		42,292	159,422
Aircel Ltd.		28,861	229,214		
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	75,048		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	35,333		
20	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd.		48,897	227,980
Bharti Cellular Ltd.		-	62,960		
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	31,916		
21	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.		21,643	109,988
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	61,305		
Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.		-	-		
22	Andaman & Nicobar and West Bengal	Reliance Telecom(P) LTd.		4,674	70,511
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	18,137		
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		-	-

ANNEXURE – II

Salient terms and conditions of the Licence for Cellular Mobile Telecom Service

1. The Licensee must be an Indian Company, registered under the Indian Companies Act' 1956.

2. The license will be on non-exclusive basis, for a period of 20 years, further extendable by 10 years at one time.

3. The license fee shall be 12% of "Adjusted Gross Revenue" (AGR) for Metro Service Areas and category 'A' Circles, 10% of AGR for category 'B' Circles and 8% of AGR for category 'C' Circles, excluding spectrum charges.

4. In addition, the cellular licensees shall pay spectrum charges on revenue share basis.

5. Minimum roll-out obligation: In Telecom Circles, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters (DHQs) willbe covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of license.

6. The LICENSEEshall provide necessary facilities depending upon the specific situation at the relevant time to the Government to counteract espionage, subversive act, sabotage or any other unlawful activity.

7. The LICENSEEshall make available on demand to the person authorized by the LICENSORfull access to the switching centers, transmission centers, routers etc. for technical scrutiny and for inspection, which can be visual inspection or an operational inspection.

8. The LICENSEE will charge the tariffs for the SERVICE as per the TRAI Tariff orders/regulations/directions issued in this regar from time to time.

9. The licensee shall be permitted to provide, in its area of operation, all types of mobile services including voice and non-voice messages, data services and PCOs utilizing any type of network equipment (however, the technology must be digital),including circuit and/or packet switches, that meet the relevant International Telecommunication Union (ITU)/Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) standards.